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Human Relations Commission Observes National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Human Relations Commission is recognizing National Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month from May 1 through May 31.

On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating an annual weeklong celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension increasing the celebration to a month. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The "Asian- Pacific American" designation encompasses many ethnic and language groups. The diversity among Asian-Pacific Americans adds to the cultural fabric of our society. Asian-Pacific Americans have enriched our culture excelling in many fields including, but not limited to education, business, science, technology, and government.

The Human Relations Commission is a 15 member volunteer advisory board appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council. Members serve with the County Executive representing all segments of the County's population.

The Commission meets monthly on the second Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., at McFaul Activity Center, 525 West MacPhail Road, Bel Air. These sessions are free and open to the public. Citizens interested in attending are asked to contact the Office of Human Relations at 410-638-4739 or humanrelations@harfordcountymd.gov for additional information.

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